

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-v-

MIGUEL ROMERO,

Defendant.

15 Crim. 445 (PAE)

ORDER

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER, District Judge:

The Court has received the attached pro se motion for compassionate release from defendant Miguel Romero. The Court asks Mr. Romero's CJA trial counsel, Guy Oksenhendler, to submit a memorandum in support of Mr. Romero's motion, and to the extent necessary, reappoints Mr. Oksenhendler to represent Mr. Romero for this purpose. This memorandum is due March 22, 2021. The Government's response is due March 29, 2021. The Court does not invite a reply.

SO ORDERED.

  
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PAUL A. ENGELMAYER  
United States District Judge

Dated: March 1, 2021  
New York, New York

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Miguel Romero  
74203-054

February 17, 2021

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Dear Honorable Judge  
Paul A. Engelmayer

My reason for writing you this letter your honor is to file for a Compassionate release pursuant to 18 U.S.C § 3582(c) due to the Corona virus pandemic. I'm currently incarcerated in Federal Correctional Institution Schuylkill, P.O. Box 759 Minersville, PA 17934-0759. In this institution in in, the estimated amount of people here is 1,000 people incarcerated. Today, February 17, 2021 more than half of the 1,000 people incarcerated are infected with the Corona virus (COVID-19) In this institution. This is an extraordinary and compelling reason due to the building that in in right now which is (3A) where 120 inmates are confined to this unit. Out of the 120 inmates confined in (3A) 60 inmates are infected with Corona virus (COVID-19).

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These inmates are only a few feet and some are inches away in other cells from the cell in in. There are two inmates literally next door who tested positive for Corona Virus (COVID-19) and we share the same air through two small vents between the cells. I can literally hear them coughing and sneezing all day. I'm scared for my life because my grandmother, my uncle and a few more of my relatives, and friends I went to school with died from Corona Virus (COVID-19). I tested negative for Corona Virus (COVID-19) but my chances to being infected are extremely high due to 60 inmates infected around me breathing the same air, and most of all people who tested positive take showers in the same showers where people who tested negative take showers. I feel like it's only a matter of time until I get infected and I don't know how my immune system would handle it, I could **lose** my life. I'm suffering from anxiety, heavy depression, PTSD, Obesity, pain from my bone on my finger that's still broken and due to the pandemic I haven't received therapy or the right medical attention. My projected release date is **A**ugust, 15, 2021 which is

5 months from now and my home detention eligibility date was February, 15, 2021. With all respect and honor to your Judgment, if you grant my request which has high extraordinary and compelling reasons, I have a home plan to stay with my mom Diana Romero. I would continue to practice safe social distancing and wearing a mask to prevent the virus. I would also apply for a job as soon as possible and further my education from my G.E.D I've earned while serving my time incarcerated. I would also seek for the medical attention that I need as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Miguel Romero

  
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